



**Request for City Council Committee Action
Health Department**

Date: April 14, 2014

To: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: RECEIVE THREE YEAR FEDERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH GRANT

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. accept an estimated revenue of \$871,448 for a three year federal grant to study the benefits of Father Advocates providing services for expectant and new fathers; and,
2. increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01300-8600130 (revenue code 321007) and the 2014 appropriation in fund/department 01300-8600130 by \$871,448.

Previous Directives: October 4, 2013 Council authorization to submit proposal

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable ☒

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable ☒

Presenters in Committee: Pat Harrison, Director of Research and Evaluation

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the ____ Capital Budget or ☒ Operating Budget.

☒ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department has been awarded a three year federal Health Resources and Services Administration grant to implement and evaluate a model of enhancing services for expectant and new fathers. The services will be provided in conjunction with Healthy Families America (HFA) enhanced prenatal and postpartum services offered to families at higher risk of poor birth outcomes or child maltreatment. Contracted partners providing HFA services would include the Minnesota Home Visiting Nurse Agency and The Family Partnership. The intervention would include facilitation for couples to negotiate the provision of social, emotional, and practical support, and for a subset of study participants, case management services designed to address the expectant father's needs such as education, job training, employment, housing, mental health, substance use or stress.